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## WEYLER FOUND THEM

The Insurgents Came Near Capturing the Butcher Captain-General.

## LOSES PART OF HIS ESCORT

The Attempt to Capture Him Would Have Succeeded Had It Not Been Exposed by Premature Firing.

New York, Jan. 23.—(Special to the New York Herald from Havana)—General Weyler received his baptism of fire in the front. He may even have been assisted by the brilliancy of the flash of insurgent steel before his eyes. At all events, the distinction of guarding the person of the captain general when he was to the field arrived here seriously wounded with multiple wounds. Several have since died. From their accounts it is that early on Tuesday morning the rebels under Arango and Arango made a startlingly bold and desperate attempt to capture the captain general which was repulsed with success. General Weyler, who was marching surrounded by the column of Col. Sugar, entered the village of Quatro Caminos on Monday afternoon. Orders were at once given that all inhabitants should leave their homes within two hours. The village being deserted, the torch was applied and all the houses, about 300 in number, were destroyed. The captain general then proceeded towards Copacabana, sixteen kilometers further on the road to Guines. Copacabana was reached after nightfall and the troops of guides was sent forward to reconnoiter.

General Weyler when the main Spanish column was halted some distance outside of the village. The insurgents had concealed themselves in the town. The plan evidently was well laid down and it is probable they might have succeeded in capturing the desired prize, the Spanish commander himself, and in any event, from their cover they could have inflicted great loss upon the Spanish columns as they entered the town unprepared for an ambush conceived under such circumstances and in so bold a manner. Unfortunately for the insurgents the night the Spanish scouts were engaged in the reconnoiter the guns of one of the concealed rebels were accidentally discharged, giving alarm to the Spanish troops. Before the Spanish advance guard moved from its surprise the rebels, seeing their plan partially failed, fled from their places of concealment and left the oncoming with great fury, inflicting severe loss. So bold, in fact, was the insurgent column that it pursued the rapidly retreating Spaniards to a point almost within range of the troops in General Weyler's command and easily within the compass of the field glass two Spanish generals had carried to inspect the disposition of his own soldiers. Captain General Weyler spent Wednesday night in Copacabana and according to official reports received here, expected to enter Matanzas yesterday.

Netbraska Anti-Foot-Ball Bill. Lincoln Neb., Jan. 23.—The anti-foot-ball legislation has reached the Nebraska legislature, and the leader in the movement against the sport is Speaker Coffin, of the house. Yesterday he introduced a bill providing for the fine and imprisonment of parties participating in a game. Further than that, if any one is concerned as backer, umpire, assistant, reporter or even spectator, he is liable to a fine of from \$5 to \$25, upon conviction. A clause in the bill enables officers to place persons under bond to keep the peace who shall be caught training to enter foot ball contests.

LET HER FATHER KILL HIMSELF. Old Man Wanted to Die and His Daughter Refused to Interfere. Oakland, Cal., Jan. 23.—Knowing that her aged father had taken poison with suicidal intent, Nellie Curran, 28 years of age, went to bed without calling a physician and arose in the morning at the usual hour to find the old man cold in death. Thomas Curran was 54 years of age and has for years been employed by the railroad company. He lived at 1666 Atlantic street, and Nellie Curran, his daughter, kept house for him. For the past few months he has been in poor health and about three weeks ago took a large quantity of laudanum to end his troubles. Physicians saved his life on that occasion, but his desire to die never left him, and his last attempt was more successful.

Curran came home at the usual hour. He had secured a bottle of chloroform during the day, and after taking it bade his daughter good by and told her his troubles would soon end. His lifeless body was found in the morning and removed to the morgue.

"This is a peculiar case," said Coroner Baldwin. "This old man's daughter told me deputy when he visited the house that she knew her father had taken poison, but did not call a physician because she thought it was too late, and then her father wanted to die anyhow."

The young woman will be given a chance to tell her story to a coroner's jury.

ECKLES MAKES A SUGGESTION. Wants State Banks to Make Systemic Reports. Washington, Jan. 23.—Comptroller Eckles has sent a letter to the governors of all the states pointing out his duty under the law to make an annual statement exhibiting the condition of state banks as well as national. Owing to irregularities in the banking laws of different states it is impossible to secure uniform information at the time when necessary for him to make up his report and he suggests legislation such as will cause the statements to be made by the state banks all over the United States at the same time.

THE DAUNTLESS. Report That She Has Been Seized by the Government. New York, Jan. 23.—The World's Jacksonville, Fla., special says: It is alleged that the filibustering steamer Dauntless was seized by the government and libeled late last night. The charges are sailing from port with illegal intent, loaded at No Name Key with munitions of war, cruising at sea without regular papers and mounting and firing guns against a friendly nation—Spain.

Important Arrests. Chicago, Jan. 23.—The police have under arrest George F. McDonald and Edward Norris, who some years ago achieved a world-wide reputation by swindling the Bank of England out of 771 pounds sterling. The police decline to say what charge is against them, but it is supposed to be the perpetration of a swindle on local business houses.

## A WEEK'S BUSINESS.

Business Increased but Prices Have Not Advanced—In Some Cases are Lower.

## GREATER NUMBER HANDS EMPLOYED.

No Apprehensions as to Money Markets—Larger Production Promised and Greater Consumption Hoped for—Failures for the Week.

New York, Jan. 23.—R. G. Dun's weekly report says there is more business, though not better prices and that almost all prices which show change at all are lower than a week ago, yet business is unquestionably larger. There is larger production, but as yet not as much increase in consumption, and the larger buying of materials at present is only because higher prices are expected in future.

The few conspicuous failures during the week had no material influence. The market for securities is slightly stronger and yet there is very little doing. The number of hands employed in all industries considered is slightly larger than a week ago, without an adverse change in the rate of wages.

All apprehension of foreign disturbances in the money markets has passed away, but there is still great caution in making loans. It is a mistake to reckon these as symptoms of depression. On the contrary, in spite of the lower range of prices in important industries, conditions all indicate larger production, with consumption increasing, not as yet largely, but steadily.

Wheat, corn and cotton exports are a key to the financial situation and during the past week wheat has declined three-eighths and corn five-eighths, while cotton is unchanged. Western receipts of wheat are still small, 561,000 bushels less than a year ago and for the three weeks of January 4,580,000 bushels, against 7,667,000 last year.

There has been a general reduction in the prices of cotton goods which at present stimulates larger buying. The woolen industry is slow and no real improvement appears in demand for goods. In anticipation of expected duties heavy buying of wool continues.

In minor metals copper is slightly stronger at twelve cents. Lead improved little with 3.07 1/2 cents asked and tin is steady at 13.40 cents.

The iron industry is engaged in settling relative prices and its slow operation retards the business in many branches, since future prices are uncertain. Housewifery is a trifle lower at \$10.10 at Pittsburgh and Grey forge at \$9.40.

The competition of new concerns tempted to manufacture nails because of the high prices recently maintained, has caused slightly lower sales of wire nails at \$1.35 and cut nails at \$1.25.

The bar association has been in session to consider a reduction of steel bars to one cent, and in large contracts even lower, and the billot association has again been called together to meet on the 29th, although there are no prospects of reorganization and billets are selling for \$15.25 at Pittsburgh.

The increase in manufacturing is, perhaps, more definitely shown than in any other way by the production of coke, which steadily increases. The week's output of 100,886 tons is over double the output for the week ending Oct. 1.

The failures in the United States for the week are 409, against 373 last year.

The aggregate gross earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting for the first half of January is \$9,737,724, a decrease of 4 per cent. compared with last year.

## ILLINOIS' PUBLIC CHARITIES.

Quarterly Report of the Thirteen Institutions.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 23.—The quarterly report of the state board of public charities gives statistics for the state charitable institutions as follows:

Northern Insane Hospital—Average number inmates, 1195; average cost per capita, gross, \$32.41; net, \$31.11; cost to the state, \$37,900.

Eastern Insane Hospital—Average number inmates, 2137; average cost per capita, gross, \$45.50; net, \$42.77; cost to state, \$93,972.

Central Insane Hospital—Average number inmates, 1285; average cost per capita, gross, \$32.80; net, \$29.93; cost to state, \$38,470.

Southern Insane Hospital—Average number inmates, 820; average cost per capita, gross, \$43.32; net, \$40.33; cost to state, \$38,117.

Asylum for Insane Criminals—Average number inmates, 128; average cost per capita, gross, \$45.46; net, \$42.76; cost to state, \$5,784.

Institution for Deaf and Dumb—Average number inmates, 514; average cost per capita, gross, \$61.03; net, \$57.72; cost to state, \$29,658.

Institution for the Blind—Average number inmates, 137; average cost per capita, gross, \$78.34; net, \$77.49; cost to state, \$14,568.

Institution for Feeble-minded—Average number inmates, 628; average cost per capita, gross, \$40.10; net, \$32.79; cost to state, \$20,611.

Soldiers' Orphans' Home—Average number inmates, 423; average cost per capita, gross, \$39.67; net, \$39.67; cost to state, \$16,704.

Eye and Ear Infirmary—Average number of inmates, 184; average cost per capita, gross, \$50.21; net, \$50.18; cost to state, \$9,280.

Soldiers and Sailors' Home—Average number inmates, 1294; average cost per capita, gross, \$33.04; net, \$32.44; cost to state, \$41,987.

Home for Juvenile Female Offenders—Average number inmates, 78; average cost per capita, gross, \$51.64; net, \$51.04; cost to state, \$3994.

Industrial Home for the Blind—Average number of inmates, 62; average cost per capita, gross, \$68.99; net, \$37.99; cost to state, \$2,355.

The grand totals for the quarter are as follows: Average number inmates 8956; average cost per capita, gross, \$41.58; net, \$38.15; present at beginning of quarter, 8098; admitted new, 832; readmitted, 155; former inmates returned, 320; discharged or absent, 808; died, 112; present at end of quarter, males, 4216; females, 4683; making a grand total at end of quarter for the thirteen institutions of 9099. The total cost to the state for the quarter of the thirteen institutions was \$330,394.

## Accident to Miss McKinley.

Canton, Ohio, Jan. 23.—Miss Helen McKinley, the president-elect's sister, slipped and fell on the ice on the sidewalk near the McKinley home yesterday about noon. She was on her way to the post-office. In falling one of the bones of her right wrist was broken. The injury was dressed and will probably take some weeks to heal. No other injury from the fall was reported.

## THE THREE FRIENDS

Judge Locke Decides That the Law Against Filibustering Does Not Apply to Cubans.

## HARMON WILL CARRY MATTER UP.

Says He Will Stop Filibustering if He Has to Charge the Vessels Engaged in It of Piracy.

Washington, Jan. 23.—At Jacksonville, Fla., in the case of the alleged filibustering steamer Three Friends, some days ago, Judge Locke held the law inhibiting the outfitting and departure of armed expeditions to aid people in contests against the lawful authority of a nation with which the United States is on friendly terms, does not apply to Cuban insurgents, they not being people within the meaning of the law. Since then Attorney General Harmon has given the question, so raised, careful consideration and has reached a directly opposite view and to bring the matter to a speedy determination, he has applied to the supreme court for a writ of certiorari on the United States court of appeals at New Orleans, directing that the case be at once certified to the supreme court for trial. The attorney general says on Judge Locke's position if it is correct, it necessarily follows, that these filibusters are pirates and that he is seriously considering the question of arresting them as such. He is very much in earnest and it is not at all unlikely he will take heroic steps to put a stop to these expeditions.

Government's Right to Foreclose. Washington, Jan. 23.—The point having been raised that the president had no power to institute foreclosure proceedings, Senator White of California, who has given great study to all phases of the Pacific railroad controversy and whose reputation as a lawyer is well known, last night gave the following legal opinion upon this contention:

"If the government has the power to institute foreclosure proceedings it is because the acts of congress affecting the subject, and the transactions had in pursuance thereof, give the government authority to seize the property in satisfaction of the obligations incurred by the company in favor of the United States. Therefore, the most favorable construction of the Central and Union Pacific companies' case admits the jurisdiction of the United States government to foreclose the mortgage lien. If this position is mistaken it means that the government has the right to appropriate the property in satisfaction of its claims and in enforcement of the forfeiture clauses of the various acts upon which the Central and Union Pacific railroads depend for their existence. If the suit is brought to foreclose the government's lien, this will involve a construction more favorable to the railroads than the present situation warrants, but I would hold such a suit with satisfaction for it would indicate that the government of the United States is alive and is prepared to compel payment of just obligations."

"I think that Attorney General Harmon is earnest in his desire to enforce the government's obligations. I base this opinion upon remarks which he made to me upon several occasions before the defeat of the funding bill."

## NOT SUCCESSFUL.

Senator Walcott's Mission to England Promises Little That is Satisfactory.

London, Jan. 23.—It is rumored that Senator Walcott, who has been visiting England in the interest of the bimetallics is not satisfied with the progress of his mission here. He has been delayed in meeting people owing to their absence from the town. The bimetallic league however, has given him a hearty reception and is aiding him in every way possible. He finds the position here unchanged from the time of the Brussels conference namely that the British government and the house of commons are committed to do all in their power to secure by international agreement a stable monetary par of exchange of gold and silver, and bring the mint under an international agreement. She thinks this is enough on her part and will not take the initiative in calling a conference. The continental powers are equally unwilling to take the lead as it is unanimously believed the United States, both by position and importance must take the initiative.

## Insurgents Capture a Gunboat.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 23.—Advice are received here that the Spanish gunboat Cometa was captured and burned by the insurgents. This vessel has been cruising near Caraguanas to prevent the landing of filibustering expeditions. It was accustomed to anchor at night off Sierra Morena at a point favorable for attack from shore. The insurgents opened fire with a twelve pound Hotchkiss gun. The vessel was struck several times and badly damaged. The crew was thrown in confusion when several boat loads of insurgents left the shore, boarded the vessel and engaged in a bloody hand to hand fight. After the Spanish commander and half of his men had been killed the survivors surrendered. The insurgents looted the vessel, securing a great quantity of arms, ammunition and two quick firing cannons.

## Reorganization of Bloomington.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 23.—The citizens of Bloomington are to vote on the question of organizing under the general law. Petitions signed by 800 voters, asking for the submission of the question at a special election, were presented to the city council last night, the number of petitioners being much above the number required by law. The advocates of reorganization claim that Bloomington is greatly hampered in many ways by her present special charter.

## Show Man Indicted.

New York, Jan. 23.—Oscar Hammerstein, manager of the Olympic Musical hall, has been indicted for maintaining a public nuisance. The specific offense charged was that he is giving nightly on his stage representations of a scene alleged to have transpired at the notorious Seely bachelor dinner.

## No Fusion.

Detroit, Jan. 23.—After a lengthy discussion the state prohibition convention declared against any negotiation toward fusion with the national Prohibitionists who succeeded last summer.

## Money Package Stolen.

Denver, Jan. 23.—A registered mail package containing \$3000 is reported stolen between Cheyenne and Chicago.

## High License and Luck of Customers Have Suspended Seven Saloons in Springfield.

ber of years ago, is visiting in the city. His sister, Miss Rose Judson of Elgin, is also here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hays.

Mrs. Will Barnes will give a luncheon party next Tuesday at her home on West William street. About fifty invitations have been issued.

The members of the West End Enchro club held their regular meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. Prescott.

Last night a carnival party was given by Beale Wortham to her parents at their home, 414 East Landall avenue. Refreshments were served at 10 o'clock. Those who were present were as follows: Florence Hess, Emma Wright, Norma Cash, Mary March, Eugene Wilson, Douglas Wilson, Frankie Smith, Hazel Jennings, William Mettram, Clarence Mettram and Thomas Filing.

Mackie's Grimes' Cellar Door is a great success. Funny, well I should say so. Mackie will be with you. James B. Mackie, the original Gripsey, Mo Boy, in the bunch of Keys, will be with you.

The farmers around Washington, Tazewell county, fear that their wheat is badly injured by the recent freeze coming on when the ground was full of water.

## IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The most important social event to occur next week will be the holiday club dance on Tuesday evening at the Guard's Armory. It will be the third and last entertainment of the club will give this year and will be a very handsome affair. The holiday club was organized the first part of the season for the purpose of giving parties at the three large balls which the members have given have added greatly to the gaiety of the social season. The club has been a great success and will probably be reorganized next year. The arrangements for Tuesday are in charge of the executive committee. From 8 till 12 o'clock a program of ten dances will be carried out. After midnight there will be a champagne party and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shillinger, and Mr. Shillinger and Mrs. Mary Voorhies will lead. There will be six figures. The favors which will be given are quite pretty. The full orchestra has been engaged to furnish music. Some new music will be introduced, two pieces of which are by Decatur persons, one by Mrs. Marie Powers and another new two step composed by Will Armstrong. Mrs. F. J. Rodwick will serve the supper.

The ladies who will receive in behalf of the club at Mrs. Walter Strange of Minneapolis, Mrs. J. D. Moore, Mrs. D. A. Neapolis, Mrs. J. G. Moore, Mrs. Judge Shauk. Robert Hays will have a charge of the program and music and the floor committee will be composed of Messrs. Robert I. Hunt, Edwin Strohm, Arthur Dunton and Frank Evans. The guests will number about 150 persons.

A large children's party was given this afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shillinger, No. 1935 North Water street. The occasion was the celebration of the eleventh birthday of Edith Catherine Shillinger. About forty little girls were handsomely entertained. The afternoon was passed playing games and dancing and at 5 o'clock a supper was served. The little hostess and Miss Marie Young, who assisted her, were both attired in white mulle frocks over pink silk. The decorations in the house in pink and white, carnations and roses of these colors being used. Miss Irene Shillinger and Miss Maude Downing assisted in entertaining the young people. The guests included the following: Lulu

Hughes, Vivian Drew, Emma Dennis Edna Strader, Edith Scott, Edna Shier, Lela Garver, Mabel O'Brien, Lucile Ballard, Mudge and Samuella Young, Jessie Ponhallagen, Florence Jones, Emma and June Ewing, Lucile Carter, Cordie Wilson, Mildred Cruzan, Marie Myers, Mabel Clarkson, Bessie Eckels, Mae Baum, Lucile Cloyd, Ada and Esther Starr, Emily Powers, Corlune Elwood, Lucile Hamacher, Florence Huff, Marie Frouman, Jane Bellman, Catherine Stephens, Rubie Wilber and Miss Downing.

There will be quite a number of strangers in the city next week to attend the Holiday club dance. Miss Shelby of Lexington, Ky., will be here to visit the Misses Voorhies, the Misses Henkle of Springfield, will be the guests of Miss Beale Young, Miss Edith Durfee of Springfield, will visit Miss Anna Roberts, Miss Tinkham of Homer, and Mr. Broughton of St. Paul, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powers, and Miss Cain, who is visiting Mrs. George Powers, and Miss William of Ansonia, Conn., the guests of Miss Mollie Tuttle, will be present at this party. Miss Wanda of Shelbyville, will be in the city to visit Mrs. Frank Caldwell.

Last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. A. B. Alexander entertained a large company of

lady friends at her home on Powers lane. The guests were entertained at a guessing game.

The members of the "Merry-Go-Round" club met last Tuesday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones. The club is composed of young married people who meet every two weeks.

The basket ball team is practicing several times each week for the game with the Bloomington club. Among the new members who have been admitted are Miss Edith Race, Miss Jessie Montgomery, Miss Nettie Meriwether and Miss Floy Gasaway.

Last evening Mrs. R. S. Bohon gave a six hand ocher party to a number of her friends at her home on West Wood street.

One of the handsome parties of the week was given by Mrs. W. H. Ennis at her home on College Hill last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Miller entertained a number of her young lady friends this afternoon at a thimble party at her home in Riverside place. The affair was in honor of Grace Radcliff, of Frederick, Md.

The members of the Saturday After-

noon club were entertained today at the home of Miss Neta Bullard on West William street. The young ladies played six-hand euchre.

Lee Judson of Chicago, is in the city visiting Miss Madge Hays. He is here to attend the Holiday club dance next Tuesday evening.

Last evening Dr. R. E. Tobey, the dentist, gave a formal dinner in the ordinary at the St. Nicholas hotel in honor of a party of friends who came over from Danville. It was a very swell affair, the occasion being varied by a round of festivities. It was a six-course dinner, with Dr. Tobey as the genial host. These guests were present: Misses Wright, Barton, McKee and Miss Millie Wright, Mrs. George M. Wright, chaperone, Messrs. Wright, Rainor, English and Dickson, all of Danville. Later the party were entertained by the doctor at Turner park, where there was dancing to the music of the opera house orchestra, card playing and ten pins. Luncheon was served at the doctor's bachelor quarters and the guests were given an informal reception at the doctor club parlors. All left for home last night.

Edward Judson of Tacoma, Wash., who was prominent in Decatur society a num-

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Miss Isabel Nash, who died recently, left a lot valued at \$1400 to Lincoln, on which to build a library.

Radishes, celery, spinach, lettuce, tomatoes. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co.

The birthday anniversary of Mrs. D. L. Foster, wife of the circuit clerk, was quietly celebrated yesterday.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Ood31t

Select a Haines or Reed & Son's piano. You will find these instruments at the C. R. Prescott music house. The prices and terms will suit you.

During the special meetings at the First M. E. church conducted by Rev. D. F. Howe, seventy people have professed conversion. There were five conversions last night.

W. O. McGraw, who recently returned to the city with his family from Missouri, has opened a drug store at 102 West King street, his old stand. With his family he will live at 323 North Monroe street.

Gentlemen's soiled and faded overcoats or suit of clothes dyed, cleaned, pressed and repaired. Take your clothes to first-class dyers and cleaners—to Miller's Steam Dye House, 145 North Main street.

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The household effects of John Bird, who is on duty at the state house as a janitor, have been taken to Springfield in wagons. John has rented property at the capital and will reside there. He owns two residences in Decatur. He has rented them.

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## BANQUET AND BALL.

Second Annual Reception Given by the Decatur Musicians.

ONE LADY A MEMBER OF THE UNION.

Addresses by Dr. Bumstead, Dr. Childs, and Prof. Westhoff—Special Music and Patriotic Decorations.

Last night the members of Decatur local 67 of the National League of the Musicians' Protective union, gave their second annual reception and banquet at Columbia hall, which was elaborately decorated with tropical plants and a profusion of flags and bunting for the occasion. A number of invitations were extended and the hall was well filled at 8:15 when the feast of music began with the selection, "Sounds From Home," by the string sextette, Prof. Walter, Leo Holbrun, Joseph Alexander, T. S. Childs, W. J. Glikson and Henry Roberts. "Invitation to the Dance," was the encore number. Mrs. Ada Haines-Stoner delighted everybody by singing "Kentucky Babe," with orchestral accompaniment. Prof. Will L. Smith followed with selections on the musical glasses and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bunn gave a duet, "Good Night," with Miss Bunn as pianist. The encore response was "A Night in Venice." The program closed with "Tilration Waltz" by the sextette.

The Banquet.  
Next came the banquet with this menu: Oysters, celery, slaw, olives, pickles, deviled ham sandwiches, oranges, bananas, ice cream, cake and coffee. The feast differed radically in variety and quality from the spread at the first banquet and was richly enjoyed. It was served upon long tables with William Holland as the caterer. The musicians took special pride in the feast, because they had arranged the service in person even to preparing the tables and spreading the white cloths thereon.

The Toasts.  
John Grindel was the toastmaster and by the way of introduction he delivered a neat address, welcoming the friends of the organization.

Dr. S. J. Bumstead was assigned to respond to the toast, "Music." One of the Forces of Civilization. "The doctor who is a great lover of music, said:

We have been endowed by nature with certain organs that minister to our safety and to our pleasure. One organ of hearing enable us to derive pleasure from the harmonious combinations of tones that we call music. We also differ in these tastes as in other things. Certain tones omitted in succession, will excite feelings of joy and exaltation in those who hear them, while other combinations bring forth only feelings of sadness. A few other combinations have been so arranged by composers who must have been possessed by the devil, and his angels, that will speedily drive a musical person to despair, even to suicide, could he not escape the baneful influence and there are a few persons who prefer "Hark from the tomb a doleful sound," to the soul stirring notes of "Glory! Glory! Hallelujah." But happily, the most of us have the music that cheers without inebriating, and we escape from the doleful discordant combinations with our fingers in our ears. If we could imagine a place without musical instruments, without musicians, without singers and without even a whistling boy, we might get an idea of our dependence upon music, as we journey from the cradle to the grave.

The tired mother makes use of such

gifts of song as she has to soothe the fretful, perhaps naughty child to sleep. Those who have not forgotten this early period of their lives, will testify that the song was a more potent sedative to discordant nerves than the most harrowing ghost story that nurses usually relate to children. Men and women are but children grown, and the children of our day surpass in mental power many of our adult prehistoric ancestors. There is a resemblance between the tired, fretful child, and the man and woman who are in discordant relations with the civilization by which they are surrounded, and as beats are always present in great discords, these people are the beats, or dead beats of an otherwise harmonious civilization. But even among these discordant elements of society, there are only a few who declare with Charles Lamb.

"Sentimentally I am disposed to harp on a tune." Music has such a sovereign power to soothe the savage breast that I believe the uplifted hand of the murderer would be stayed, if by chance the strains of "Home Sweet Home" should fall upon his ear. Nor do I think it necessary that he should be familiar with the words of the song. There is some ground for the belief in the universal language of music, that it makes known to its devotees of every clime and tongue the various emotions called forth by its numerous combinations. The old songs and tunes of childhood are remembered even by the depraved and vicious, and these often turn them to a better life. Pope has aptly said: "Music, the sweetest grief can charm, and fates severest rage disarm; music can soften pain to ease, and make despair and madness pleasant, our joys below it can improve, and antedate the bliss above." When we need deeds of heroism what comfort could so endow us with lofty purpose and devotion even unto death as the inspiring notes of "Marching through Georgia," or the "Marsellaise"? Words are here superfluous. These notes can make the coward forget his fear of the shrieking shot and shell, and cause him to press forward, with blazing eye and burning cheek, to the goal where the laurel wreath awaits the hero's brow. The power of music as a civilizing agent has lately received additional proof. A few insane asylums have tested its power upon some of their most violent cases, with very beneficial results. Where formerly the straight jacket and padded room were necessary, many of the insane of today are quieted by the power of music, and the cutting of our asylums may become a prominent feature of our asylums in the future. As features of our asylums to be instances of a reversion of mental action to that of a very early ancestral type, the same music of prehistoric times may have been much like the insane man of today. Let us be thankful therefore that our knowledge of our very remote ancestors is so limited.

When music has such power over the insane of today, we can readily believe in its great aid to the other forces that have brought us to our present stage of civilization. We may also use this gift as a test of those with whom we have to deal, for has not the immortal bard declared: "The man that hath no music in himself, And is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, Is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils." Shakespeare evidently had in mind some of our Illinois politicians.

What better than can we do, then to foster the love of music and to increase the knowledge of this divine art, in all about us. This, the organization whose anniversary we thus celebrate can very properly do. We know that music will lighten the joys of the happy, we know that music will assuage the pangs of unsuccessful effort; we know that music will ease the pain of the afflicted, that it will bring smiles where heretofore only dark looks were harbored; we know too that music can soften the cruel hand of death and I believe that the power of exaltation to noble deeds inherent in the strains of the "Marsellaise" and "Marching through Georgia" could even lift the heavy hands of Spain and Grover Cleveland, from the limp and bleeding form of Cuba.

The address was warmly applauded. Dr. T. S. Childs responded to the toast, "Sociability." In the course of his colloquial remarks he spoke of the ambition of the Decatur musicians, of the unity of action of No. 67, and of what music had done to make people better and happier. Naturally musicians are of a social nature. If they are not they cannot play music.

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reputably. All must be in harmony or there will be discords. Dr. Childs stated that No. 67 had one lady member, but he did not give the name. She is Miss Marie Leonard.

Prof. F. W. Westhoff, teacher of vocal music in the public schools, responded to the toast, "An Essential to the Executive Musician." He confessed that he had once played a cornet in a band, and he also admitted that he had struggled in vain with a yellow clarinet for the three weeks. The instrument can now be seen in the show window at Prescott's music house. Prof. Westhoff followed his humorous references with an instructive address on the essentials of musical education, analyzing the elements which lead to perfection in the intelligent and effective use of the voice and the instrument.

The Dance.  
At the close of the feast the tables and chairs were removed and the dance was inaugurated, continuing until after 12 o'clock. The occasion was one of genial enjoyment to all present. Manager Given was especially appreciative to the extent that he presented each of the musicians with a handful of these incomparable "Nabob" cigars.

The members of the committee who had the reception in charge were Mont Peniwell, H. H. Wilkin, G. E. Goize, T. S. Childs, Leo Holbrun, C. D. Jones, H. Martin, G. W. Jones, W. J. Glikson, L. W. Friebourg, C. P. Housman and F. M. Hall.

Royal Neighbors at Home.  
Golden Crown camp, Royal Neighbors of America, installed officers last night in O. A. R. hall, as follows:

Orator—Mrs. India Hill  
Vice Orator—Mrs. J. Frank Jones  
Recorder—Mrs. D. E. Kingsley  
Receiver—Mrs. Minnie Hill  
Chancellor—Miss Maggie Mount  
Marshal—Miss Chloe Lloyd  
Inner Sentinel—Mrs. E. J. Andrews  
Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Minnie Bonta  
Manager—Mrs. Mary Deetz  
Physician—Mrs. L. E. Enos and M. D. Myers

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### PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE U. P.

A Bill Praying for Foreclosure Presented by the Government.

St. Louis, Jan. 22.—United States Circuit Judge Sanborn late last night issued an order authorizing foreclosure in the suit against the receivers of the Union Pacific railway. General J. C. Cowin of Omaha, represented the government. In chambers he presented a bill praying a lien for United States on the Union division of the Union Pacific railway extending from Council Bluffs, Iowa to Ogden, Utah, a distance of something over a thousand miles that it be foreclosed. It is the practice of the United States court in proceedings against proprietors in the hands of receivers not to permit it to be filed against them without a commission from the judge in whose circuit the property is for this reason General Cowin asked Judge Sanborn for an order for leave to sue the receivers who were appointed at the instance of the first mortgage bondholders. The court granted the order on condition that the government appear in the suit brought by the trustees against the first mortgage bondholders of the Union Pacific Railway company. Cowin entered appearance for the government and permission to sue the receivers was granted, the necessary orders made and a messenger dispatched to Omaha where orders and bill for foreclosure will be filed today.

Another Foreclosure suit.  
Omaha, Jan. 23.—A bill in a foreclosure suit against the Union Pacific was filed in the United States circuit court at noon.

Suit Filed in Omaha  
Omaha, Jan. 23.—Attorney General Harmon, through special counsel, J. C. Cowin filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the United States at noon a bill in equity calling for the foreclosure of the government second mortgage on the Union Pacific main line from Omaha to Ogden and Kansas Pacific from Kansas City to Denver. The bill recites acts of congress prior to the organization of the company and shows how the government got into the case. It then recites the defaults in the terms of the mortgage and calls for a decree of foreclosure sale. Defendants have till the first Monday in March to answer the bill. The receivers, Union Pacific, government trustees, and first mortgage bondholders are made defendants.

Suit to be filed in Denver  
Denver, Jan. 23.—The clerk of the United States district court has received telegrams from Special Counsel Cowin in the Union Pacific foreclosure suit, announcing he will arrive in Denver tomorrow to file the bill for foreclosure of government liens on the Union and Kansas Pacific roads.

### PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS

Small Attendance in the Senate. Significant Resolutions Adopted.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The sessions of the senate so unusual on Saturday was very meagrely attended at the opening today. It was agreed that after 12.30 the day would be given to the private pension and other minor bills on the calendar. This assured a cessation of the debate on the Nicaragua canal bill as the agreement contemplated laying aside that question when reached in regular order at 9 p. m.

Morgan secured the adoption of a resolution calling on the president for all correspondence relating to the Nicaragua canal since 1887, between the United States and the minister or representative of Nicaragua.

Allen (Populist, Neb.) secured the adoption of a resolution calling on the attorney general to inform the senate whether he entered into an agreement with the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific road looking to a foreclosure; what amount the reorganization committee is to bid; full text of the stipulation; names of persons forming the committee; and the authority of the attorney general for beginning foreclosure proceedings, or entering into such stipulation.

The senate then turned to the calendar and passed a number of unimportant bills.

### Taken to Pontiac.

Sheriff Nicholson left this morning for Pontiac with two boys who are to go to the Reform School. They were Brooks, the boy who assisted Graves in the robbery of the Harritown grocery store, and Heeus, the boy who stole a gun. There are several prisoners who will go to the penitentiary at Chester next week.

### Lon Hurrel in Jail.

Lon Hurrel is the name of a young negro who was landed in jail last night by the police. He had been employed at the home of John B. Shellabarger, 1325 North Water street, and had by his disorderly conduct forfeited all claims for further consideration. He was brought down in the wagon.

Miss Louise Sanford is pronounced very fine in her specialties, with Grimes' Cellar Door Co., and her costumes are well worth seeing.

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

A Number of Criminal Cases Disposed of—Civil Cases.

Judge Vail held a brief session of court this forenoon and took a recess until Monday, when civil cases will receive attention daily for several weeks.

### People's Dock.

People vs John G. Kilduff, burglary and grand larceny; trial by jury; verdict guilty of burglary and petit larceny; sentenced to the penitentiary.

People vs Albert L. Summers, alias A. L. Davis forgery two cases; pleaded guilty to first count and sentenced to the penitentiary.

People vs Charles Hazard and William Holm; burglary and larceny; verdict, Hazard guilty. Holm not guilty; Hazard sentenced to the penitentiary.

People vs Robert Graves and Harry Brooks, on burglary and larceny; trial by jury; verdict both guilty; Graves sent to the penitentiary; Brooks to the reformitory.

People vs John Lee; burglary and larceny; pleaded guilty; sentenced to the penitentiary.

People vs John Racey; burglary and grand larceny; pleaded guilty; sentenced to the penitentiary.

People vs George Stevens; burglary and petit larceny; pleaded not guilty.

County Court.  
In the county court today Judge Hammer found Abe Davis, John Bryant, William Irwin, Tip Carter and George Davis \$20 and costs each for gaming.

### HISTORICAL.

The oldest wood building in the world is said to be the church at Borgund, in Norway. It was built in the eleventh century, and has been protected by frequent coatings of pitch. It is built of pine and in fantastic Romanesque design.

The wedding ring is of very ancient origin, and has always, so far as is known, been placed on the fourth finger during the reign of Elizabeth, however. Englishmen used to transfer it to the thumb immediately after the marriage ceremony.

The battle of Bosworth, where Rich and H. lost his life, was fought on a little hamlet of the same name, 12 miles west of Leicester. On the hill over the town, now called Crown hill, a monument marks the spot where the crown of Richard was placed on the head of Henry.

The ring, as an accessory of the marriage ceremony, was in use long before the Christian era. In Egypt, at a very early time, gold money used to circulate in the form of rings, and the Egyptian, at his marriage, placed one of these gold rings on his wife's finger to signify that he intrusted her with all his property. So, too, with us, when the bridegroom places the ring on his bride's finger, he says: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow."

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Boskin has squandered in good deeds a fortune of \$750,000, and his present income depends almost wholly upon the royalties of a recent popular edition of his works.

Only the other day a story was circulated to the effect that Kipling was to receive 25 cents a word for a new story to be printed in a London magazine. Now it is said that two American editors have combined to take 50,000 words at double that price.

Susan B. Anthony began to make stump speeches for the cause of abolition in 1853, the year Mrs. Leese was born. After her first speech Miss Anthony started out over the country, and this first speech of hers is said to have raised a greater commotion than any of the Kansas lady's.

Patti is writing reminiscences in which she says she was born in 1814 and made her debut in 1859. Her good sense is shown in advice she gives girls anxious for success on the stage. She says: "You must be a good workman at your trade before you can be an artist in your art."

### POLICEMEN IN OTHER LANDS.

The German policeman is ubiquitous and autocratic and ill-advised persons who fail to carry out his instructions to the letter are sure to suffer.

A great deal is expected of the Parisian police besides keeping order. They are obliged to keep records of residents and oversee street-cleaning and public vehicles.

Nearly all German policemen are old soldiers. Each bears a sword and is not at all backward in using it, a view of duty which is supported and encouraged by the higher authorities.

The Paris policeman's chief work is controlling crowds and incipient riots, of such frequent occurrence in the French capital. His weapon is a short sword bayonet, which hangs at the side of his belt.

Policemen in the Fatherland are protected almost beyond the possibility of conviction by what is called Dienst-Eid or service-oath, which practically means that to disprove a policeman's story you must find six independent witnesses to corroborate your own.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Phares will move from Clinton to their 200 acre farm in Texas township March 1.

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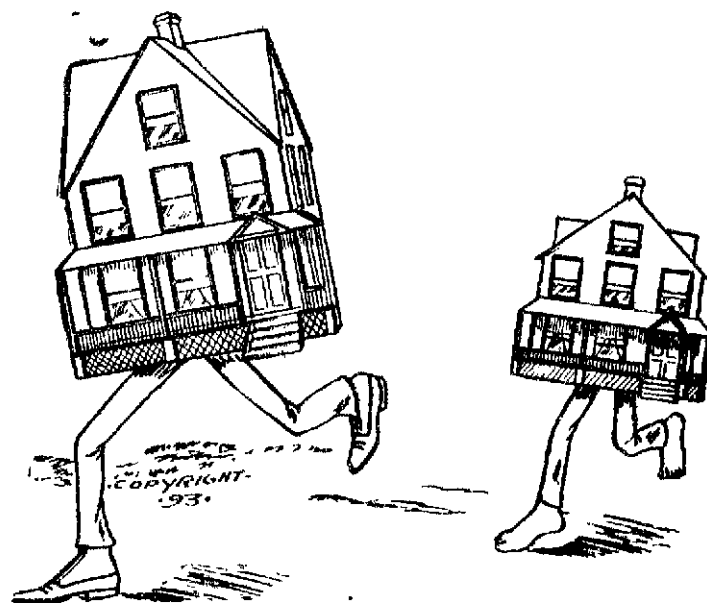
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# Sciatic Rheumatism

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After Six Years of Torment He Succeeds in Finding a Remedy for the Horrible Disease.

From the Egyptian Press, Maroua, Illinois.

There is no name in this section of the country, connected with the medical world, that is better known to the public than that of Mr. Monroe Peterson. He is situated in a nice, comfortable home, with a good farm, about four miles west of Johnson City, Ill. He is now fifty-eight years old, in a healthy condition, and weighs one hundred and twenty pounds. Not a word of his former condition is to be heard of now, and he is looked upon with wonder, because of his healthy condition after so long a period of misery and suffering.

The cause of Mr. Peterson's long suffering was a hurt which he received in a fall, while running a drill in 1861, being a soldier at the time. He has been crippled in his right leg ever since that date. Sciatic rheumatism then set in, and his leg began to slowly wither away and draw up in the joint, and now it is about two inches shorter than the other. It began to grow worse and, finally, his whole body began to shake like a person with the St. Vitus' dance. His first severe attack was about six years ago.

There is no disease in the power of human endurance more awful in its pains and afflictions than sciatic rheumatism. Sometimes the pain may be a slow, steady one, while, at other times, it comes with jerks and wrenches that seem to twist the body out of all shape of recognition. It seems to contract the muscles, drawing the body almost in a knot. While this is probably the worst stage of sciatic rheumatism, it is sometimes found in milder forms. So it was with Mr. Peterson, but with it was associated a feeling and condition almost as unbearable and unbearable. The body was in a continual shake, rendering it impossible for him to do anything. He had lost all control of his muscles. On application to a physician for relief, he was told that the sciatic nerve might last him all his life, or, on the other hand, it might leave him entirely at an unexpected moment.

For over three years he was not able to write a word, so severe was his shaking. He could not even sign his vouchers, thereby having to make his mark and witness it. At this time he could not walk a step without aid, nor even sit in a chair without assistance. So severe was the shaking of his body that it almost caused him to go blind. He could not distinguish a person at a rod's distance in front of him. He came very nearly losing his mind, and his friends thought, as a last resort, that he would have to be taken to a hospital. When he was taken to town for examination by a physician, he had to be examined in the house, so difficult was it for him to get out. Officers it would seem that life was nearly extinct, and his feet and hands would have to be bathed in warm water and rubbed in order to restore the circulation. For two years he was not able to get out of the house. His wife, a devoted and faithful wife, would take him to his room, and would have to lift him up in bed that he might regain his breath and strength. At this critical period, he was not able to put on his clothes, not able to do anything but sit and suffer his miserable life away.

One physician gave, as his decision of the case, that his leg would have to be placed in a vice and stretched to its original length.

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## ABOUT SNAKES.

The earliest mention of the serpent in the Scripture describes him as "more subtle than any beast of the field," a reputation which he has not kept up to the present day, for the serpent has less brains in proportion to his bulk than any other creature on the earth.

Among the suggestions offered for the union of the United States flag when the first congress was considering the subject of a national standard was a rattlesnake, with 13 rattles, and a flag bearing this device, with the motto: "Don't tread on me," was actually employed by one of the states.

The serpent is peculiarly bald, crawling as it does on the ground in sandy and dusty localities, to injuries of the eye, and this organ is therefore protected by being placed under the skin or epidermis. When a snake sheds its skin, which it does three or four times a year, the skin of the eye comes off with the rest.

The Roman goddess of health always bore in her hand a serpent. The serpent was the emblem of Aesculapius, the deity of physicians, and in Roman folklore it is said that during a great pestilence in Rome he appeared in that city in the form of a serpent and stayed the plague.

Ancient Greek poets were believed to have had the spirit of poetry conferred upon them by the pythons of Apollo. When these serpents licked the ears of anyone sleeping in the temple he became a poet or prophet, or both, and many Greek mothers took their babies thither and left them all night in the hope of thus rendering them famous.

## SOME IRISH WIT.

An Irishman at cards inspected the pool, and, finding it deficient, said: "Here is a shilling short; who put it in?"

An Irishman was very ill and the doctor prescribed an emetic. "It's no use, doctor," said the patient, "for I have taken several and could never keep one on my stomach."

A merchant who had died suddenly left on his desk a letter to one of his correspondents which he had not signed. His clerk, seeing that it was necessary to send the letter, simply wrote at the bottom of it: "Since writing the above I have died."

A servant maid who was left-handed always put the knives, forks and spoons on the table in the same left-handed fashion. Her master spoke to her about this and she indignantly said: "Ah, true indeed, sir, and so I have. Would you be pleased to help me turn the table?"

Doyle and Yelverton, two prominent members of the Irish bar, quarreled so violently one day that they came to hand blows. Doyle, who was a powerful man, knocked Yelverton down twice, exclaiming: "You scoundrel, I'll make you behave yourself like a gentleman!" To which Yelverton, rising, replied with dignity and indignation: "No, sir; never! I defy you. You could not do it!"

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Gray suits braided with silver and gray braid.

Countless silver chains with scintillating attached.

Exquisite shades of cashmere for girls' best frocks.

Faint girls' frocks of Dresden figured tulle silk.

New styles in bureau covers of open-work embroidery.

Taffeta and satin ribbon for bows on evening toilettes.

Dark-red winter suits trimmed with black or brown fur.

Diapers of heavy Russian gauze and duckless lace.

New cotton dress goods in transparent and opaque tints.

Fancy lace-trimmed Swiss lace and not five o'clock aprons.

Evening shades of tulle for lining transparent materials.

Golf caps from five to forty dollars in double-faced or silk-lined cloth.

Skating suits of light fur jacket and bright cloth skirt.

Bison cloth for midwinter costumes to be trimmed with fur.

Organdie and dimity short waists in floral and striped effects.

## GOSSIP ABOUT WRITERS.

Richard Harding Davis is talking of a trip to Egypt. At present he is dramatizing "Soldiers of Fortune" and writing a new story, "The King's Jack."

A sequel to "The Prisoner of Zenda" will be published serially by the Pall Mall magazine during the coming year.

Anthony Hope is said to have dramatized "Phroso," with the aid of Edward Rose.

Andrew Lang is editing a new "Garden of Hesperia" edition of the works of Charles Dickens. The original illustrations, by Cruikshank, Hablot K. Brown and Seymour, are to be printed from unused duplicate plates in the possession of the publishers.

The Saturday Review had hysterics of late over Stephen Crane's "Red Badge of Courage," but criticisms "Maggie" most unfavorably, concluding its observations with the remark: "From the artist's point of view the book is as badly done as one of Ibsen's human dogs."

## STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

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Upon petition the anti-licensing people of Champaign, the council of that city has ordered that the question of granting licenses for the next year shall be submitted to the people at the April election. At the last municipal election the same question was voted on and anti-licensing received 831 votes.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stings, pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The city of Mt. Pulaski must lose the value of the new school house recently burned, as it was nearing completion. The contract with the builder stipulates that the board of trustees should keep the building insured.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Down in Tazewell county a thief cut off and stole a half mile of the telephone wire. Upon discovering the loss the company connected the ends to a barbed wire fence parallel with the line and service was at once renewed.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The farmers around Washington, Tazewell county, fear that their wheat is badly injured by the recent frozen coming on when the ground was full of water.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

A new telephone station has been established at Bishop station, a town about twenty five miles southwest of Pekin.

Last—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Clinton Public: J. F. Miller exhumed quite a number of his peach trees and finds that nearly all of the buds that developed during the recent warm weather have been killed.

Chicago, Pa., "Herald": Richard Vogel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He holds up that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vogel said it assisted his children through a very bad stage of measles.

One Minute Cough Cure makes expectation very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The steam Leo is frozen up at Spring Lake. This will cause a delay in the building of the locks for the Smith-Hippin Co., at Pekin, as it was to be used in driving the piling.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

True grippe is a germ disease. These germs are in the circulation and pervade every tissue and organ of the body. This brings speedy collapse and often death to the aged and debilitated. The only germicide known that searches out and destroys every germ in the system is Brazilian Balm. A week or ten days' treatment effects a complete cure.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists.

W. Y. Sanford, the Springfield furniture dealer, was placed in jail on a capias for refusing to pay a judgment of \$1700, which was recovered against him by the First National bank.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish, and the need of a tonic and purgative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle at West's drug store.

The Lincoln Coal company has commenced suit for \$1900 against the Lincoln Electric Light company for coal.

Dr. L. Kittinger, a leading physician of Wilmington, Del., asked the proprietor of Brazilian Balm to send him a dollar bottle. A few weeks afterwards the doctor said: "I had a couple of cases of old Cough and Balm that completely cured them. I had got to the end of my string. But the Balm made a prompt cure in both cases. It is a remarkable remedy."

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists.

# WE WANT MONEY!

You want the goods, so come and get them. It don't take much money to buy CLOTHING the way we are offering them. Don't wait too long. We have the stock to select from, the FINEST and BEST FITTING CLOTHING in DECATUR at a mere song. It don't cost you anything to see what we are doing. COME AND GET PRICES for yourselves. Talk is cheap, but come and look and then you can tell what we are doing. We want \* \* \* \* \*

# MONEY!

Cheap Charley,

The Reliable Clothier.

The People's Savings and Loan Association

Shares in the 37th Series can now be obtained at the Office of the Association,

Upon which the monthly payments are as follows:  
IN CLASS "A" 50c per share, per month, for about 120 months.  
IN CLASS "C" \$1.00 per share, per month, for about 72 months.  
IN CLASS "E" \$2.00 per share, per month, for about 42 months.

DEWITT C. SHOCKLEY, PRESIDENT.  
ALBERT BARNES, SECRETARY.  
OFFICE: 140 S. Water St., Opera House Bldg., DECATUR, ILL.

J. B. Bullard, FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

SYNDICATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.,

Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault. Residence 262 West William street. Residence Telephone 124. Office, 125.

FLORIDA AND Southern Winter Resorts.

With the inauguration of new train schedules, we are now able to give our patrons service to the south which is not equaled either in time or comfort by any other line.

The day train, which arrives at Evansville at 6:15 in the evening, makes direct connection with the Louisville & Nashville limited train for Nashville, Memphis, Montgomery and New Orleans, and also for Jacksonville, Fla., via Chattanooga, Titon and Macon. The train carries Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars, Evansville to New Orleans, Guthrie to Memphis and Evansville to Chattanooga, Atlanta and Jacksonville, Fla.

This service enables the PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE RAILWAY to offer to its patrons a route to Florida Twelve Hours Quicker than via any other line, and to give its passengers every comfort en route.

For rates, time cards, maps and all information, inquire of any agent or write direct to A. G. PALMER, Gen. Pass. Agent, Evansville, Ind.

S. J. CASHSETT, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agent, Peoria, Ill.  
O. M. TICHENOR, Asst. Agt., Mattoon, Ill.  
B. I. STERRETT, ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
OFFICE—Over Bryan's Clothing Store, Decatur

1879—ESTABLISHED—1870

Chilson's Steam

Dye House,

134 S. State St., Decatur, Ill.

Clean or Dye Every Description of Ladies' and Gents' Clothing.

The best appliances and a thorough knowledge of the business enable us to re-dye and finish all kinds of goods in a manner unsurpassed anywhere. Goods sent to us by mail or express receive immediate attention.

134 South State Street, Back of Power's Grand Opera House, Decatur, Ill.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.

CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.  
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill.

## CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Caroline J. Bartlett, pastor of People's church of Falmouth, was married recently to a local man.

Cardinal Gibbons is a believer in the "cipp study," and frequently provokes faith last summer by taking commandments walk barefooted.

The Washington Star says that Rev. J. M. King, of that city, may be appointed pastor of the Foundry Methodist church, in Washington, at the expense, which will meet on March 1st, thought that Maj. McKinley and the Foundry church during the year of office. He has sent cordial replies to each of the Washington churches that have invited him to accept a pew.

Rev. Richard H. Nelson, who has been elected to the rectorship of St. Peter's Episcopal church, Philadelphia, was rector of Christ church, Norway, since 1887. He was graduated from Trinity college, Hartford, Conn., when 21 years old, and he was later from the Berkeley Divinity school, at Middletown, Conn. A layman he has been both since and popular.

Bishop Walker, of western New York, of North Dakota, tells some stories about his cathedral in the latter state. One Sunday he attended service in it, noticing a "catholic" service. An English church patriotic? An English service, was differently impressed. He wrote the bishop a letter saying he was disgusted with the "catholicism" of religious services in the United States. One day a negro walked into the cathedral, and he asked, "You've got a dandy layout. I supposed that the church of the future was a new kind of gambling house."

POSTAGE STAMP GOSSIP.

Belgium has issued a ten-cent stamp, heralding the exhibition to be held this year in Brussels. The design will follow shortly. The colors are brown and violet.

The arabesque surcharges on Belgian stamps of 1885 were made by the theft of a great quantity of stamps the value of which was destroyed in this manner. The design used were held by the latest state league of states, as the Texas Philatelic society, and it is issued as a four-cent stamp.

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# ROGERS BROS. Knives, Forks and Spoons.

None Genuine Without "1847"  
Stamped Upon Them.

These "1847 Rogers Bros." make is the old original brand of Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons, and cost more in the market than any Rogers make. PLEASE DO NOT CONFUSE it with Wm. Rogers, Rogers & Brother or any other Rogers, without the "1847 Rogers Bros." trade mark stamped upon them. There are twenty imitations, all of which use the word "Rogers" in some shape, but none but the genuine dare use "1847 Rogers Bros."

You should get our prices on

**Solid Silver Spoons.**

We are showing a very fine line at  
**VERY LOW PRICES.**

We claim to be Headquarters on

**Diamonds, Watches,  
Clocks and Jewelry.**

OUR SECOND FLOOR CHINA DEPARTMENT

Is second to none in the State, and we are showing  
Dinner Ware and Toilet Ware in a very large variety of  
patterns, and at prices equal to corn at 15 cents a bushel.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at  
**156 EAST MAIN STREET.**

## Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

### Grand Clear 'Em Out Sale.

We are going to clean up all the odds and ends that we have in the house. There is nothing the matter with these "odds and ends" they are just as good shoes as they ever were, but the sizes are somewhat broken and we must make room for the big spring stock which we have purchased and which will soon be arriving. When we start in on a Clearance Sale we do not do things by halves, but we make the cut so deep that they command attention. In fact

**Prices Are Knocked Silly,**

And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times, but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for \$3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to \$2.25. Ladies' hand-turned vici kid shoes, regular \$4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only \$2.65 per pair. Ladies' \$2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only \$1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

**Now Is the Accepted Time!**

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is all the more reason why you should save money in your purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry up while you will be sure you will be fitted. Come and save yourself rich.

## F. H. Cole Shoe Co.

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

### HEADACHE CURED

FOR 10 CENTS

### KING'S DRUG STORE,

By using Dr. Hamilton's  
Headache Tablets.

Cor. Main and Water Sts.,  
Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

### LOCAL NEWS.

**Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.**  
Hurks' White Pine Balsam, coughs, colds  
You pay a little more for Sleeth's por-  
traits but—  
Mackie's songs receive five and six calls  
every night.

Cold crackers ten cents at Irwin's.  
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made  
by Jacob Kook.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of  
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Smoke the famous Loda, a fine 10 cent-  
er, made by John Wolgast. Mech 25 tf.

Irwin's female tonic gives the best sat-  
isfaction, large bottle 75 cents

Sleeth is the only photographer in the  
city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made,  
Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

For hoarseness or sore throat use Ir-  
win's bronchial lozengers.

One and one-third fare round trip to  
Chicago on the certificate plan, account  
of the cycle show, Jan. 28 to 30, via Wa-  
yash railroad.

Judging from the way customers are  
buying these tailor made suits to measure  
at Ehrman's sale, it won't take long to  
sell the 200 suits advertised.—23-3d

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture  
For sale by the Corrodanie Co., 21 Syn-  
dicate block. Jan 16 dlm

The scene in which Mackie jumps  
through the large old fashioned clock is  
received with shouts of laughter and thun-  
ders of applause.

This morning Dr. H. C. Jones performed  
a surgical operation on a young lady  
from Platt county. He removed a mole  
from her face.

The members of the Juvenile Temple I.  
O. G. T. did not hold a meeting this after-  
noon. The Chevalier Hayard lodge hall  
in the library block where they usually  
meet, is being repainted and papered.

Ehrman's auction sale of tailor made  
suits to measure, ready to put on your  
back, and guaranteed in every way, is a  
new thing and purchasers are availing  
themselves of the greatest chance ever  
offered.—22-2d

I forgot to order fish Friday; well, or-  
der for tomorrow croppie, pike, white,  
trout, smelt, boneless herring, red snap-  
per, halibut or anything from a minnow  
to a whale from Pearl Oyster and Fish  
Co., telephone 311.

No better soft coal in this market than  
Lincoln or Riverston. Lincoln is the hard-  
est of any coal within 100 miles of Deca-  
tur and the harder the coal the longer it  
will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in  
stock at market price. Up town office,  
Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800  
North Broadway old phone 431, new  
phone 435. M. F. Motz.—21-dtf

Attention, G. A. R.

The officers and members of Danham  
Post G. A. R., are hereby requested to  
meet at the Post hall at 115 o'clock,  
sharp, Sunday afternoon to attend the  
funeral of William Denz, which will be  
from the residence, 689 South Broadway.  
The firing squad will report for duty.  
W. F. Calhoun, Com.

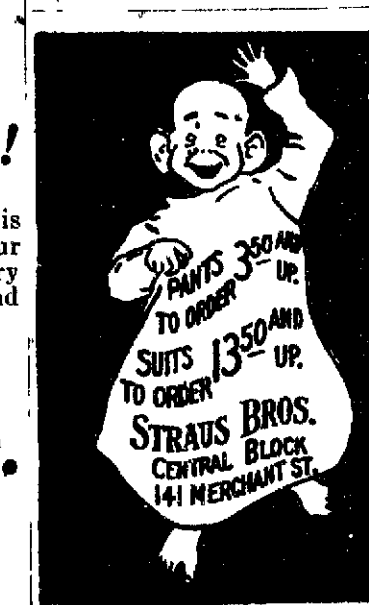
R. P. Lytle Adls.

Seedst Needs' Seeds'

Garden, flower and field seeds in bulk.  
Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman, fif-  
teen years' experience with George S.  
Dunfee & Bro., will open up about Jan.  
25, with a fresh stock of garden, flower  
and field seeds at No. 223 North Main  
street. The only exclusive seed store in  
Decatur.—1nd-6f

Funeral of William Multhead

The funeral of the late William Multhead was held this morning at 10 o'clock at the family residence near Bondy. The services were conducted by Rev. Bankson and the burial was at the family cemetery.



### THE GERMAN BAPTIST FUND.

All That is Left to be Distributed by a  
Committee.

A considerable sum of money was sub-  
scribed by citizens in 1895 to secure the  
holding of the German Baptist meeting  
at Oakland park. Cash to the amount of  
\$382.81 was not used and it has since re-  
mained in the bank to the credit of the  
camp meeting fund treasurer, Frank M.  
Young. In obedience to published call  
nine subscribers to the fund met at the  
council rooms last night and took action  
in reference to the disposition of the sur-  
plus. Those present were D. S. and W.  
L. Shellbarger, B. Z. Taylor, S. W.  
Johns, M. F. Kanan, L. L. Burrows,  
Charles Laux, G. A. Keller and P. M.  
Young. M. F. Kanan was called to the  
chair and S. W. Johns was chosen sec-  
retary. Treasurer Young stated that there  
remained in his hands \$382.81. Mr.  
Johns said he had audited all of the camp  
meeting claims and that all expenses  
were paid in full. Mr. Young said that  
a great many suggestions had been made  
as to a suitable disposition of the funds,  
but the suggestion that seemed to meet  
the approval of most of the subscribers  
was that it should be given to some char-  
ity. The money has been in the bank  
since all bills were paid. Mr. Young had  
frequently consulted with subscribers as  
to what ought to be done with the bal-  
ance, but no definite plan was adopted.  
Mr. Young's illness and absence from the  
city prevented him from personally look-  
ing after the matter and since his return  
and partial recovery from sickness he has  
agitated the matter of the final dispo-  
sition of the money until it was arranged  
to call a meeting of the subscribers to  
take action. The balance was known to  
be \$382.81 and it was so announced at the  
meeting last night that all of the sub-  
scribers and the public might know the  
exact amount.

D. S. Shellbarger approved Mr.  
Young's suggestion as to the distribution  
of the fund. He said he thought the  
money should be placed where it could be  
used at once for the deserving poor of  
the city. He said he thought they needed  
it worse now than they will after awhile.  
Mr. Laux suggested that it should be di-  
vided among the different charitable or-  
ganizations of the city.

George A. Keller made a motion to put  
the money in the hands of a committee  
consisting of L. L. Burrows, W. L. Shel-  
barger and B. Z. Taylor, with instruc-  
tions to dispose of it to the deserving poor  
of the community to the best advantage as  
they saw fit. The motion was adopted.  
The committee met this afternoon and ar-  
ranged a systematic plan of action.

### RESIDENCE BURNED.

Fire Which Occurred Early This Morning  
in the Northern Part of the City.

The Morgan street crew of the fire de-  
partment were called to the residence of  
Mrs. Theron on North Locust street short-  
ly before 6 o'clock this morning. A fire  
and started in the house from a defective  
flue. The roads were so rough that the  
fire wagon could not make the run quick-  
ly and when they arrived a large portion  
of the house was destroyed. The back  
part of the roof was burned. Mrs. Ther-  
on saved almost all of her household  
goods.

The house was owned by Rufus Brad-  
den. The loss will amount to about \$400.  
It is fully covered by insurance. The  
run was the worst that the firemen have  
had for some time. The streets were  
rough and frozen and the wagons could  
move but slowly.

### WILL OF DR. WALTERS.

Estate Valued at \$50,000. Filed for Pro-  
bate To-Day.

The last will of the late Dr. William H.  
Walters, executed Oct. 20, 1893, witnessed  
by E. W. Wood, John E. King and W. C.  
O'Brien, was filed for probate in the county  
court this afternoon. The estate con-  
sists of residence property, mortgage notes  
and cash in bank, and is valued at \$50,  
000. The legatees are the widow and the  
six children, Charles H. Rollin H., Roy  
C. and E. Linn Walters, all of Decatur,  
Fred W. Walters of Chicago, and Mrs.  
Maggie B. Green of Indiana. The execu-  
tor named in the will is Hiram Johnson.  
whose bond will be about \$100,000.

Chief Deputy Robert Williams,  
Robert Williams has entered upon his  
duties of chief deputy in the circuit clerk's  
office, having been appointed to that re-  
sponsible position by Clerk Foster, as the  
successor of J. W. McClellan. Bob has  
been a clerk in the office for a number of  
years. Now he is promoted and will re-  
ceive the salary of \$1200. There were  
many applicants for the place, but Mr.  
Foster concluded that Mr. Williams was  
the man he wanted. He is familiar with  
the detail work of the office and his ser-  
vices as chief deputy will be nearly as pos-  
sible result in giving the public the best  
of satisfaction. The appointment will be  
generally approved. Tom C. Hardy, ex-  
puty county clerk, is on duty in the  
office, assisting in writing up the re-  
cords.

### Nothing in It.

It was briefly stated in the Chicago In-  
ter-Ocean yesterday as a bit of gossip from  
Springfield that J. W. McClellan of De-  
catur, recently appointed state bank ex-  
aminer by Auditor McCullough, had been  
slated by Governor Tanner for warden of  
the Joliet penitentiary. Joe states that  
there is nothing in the story; that it is all  
a mere idle rumor.

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.  
Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed  
or money refunded by all druggists, 20c.

### ENDEAVOR NEWS.

A Grist of Interesting News from  
Various Societies.

### PLANS FOR ANNIVERSARY DAY.

It Will be Held on Feb. 2.—The Commit-  
tees—A County Union Meet-  
ing—City and Coun-  
try Notes

The executive committee of the County  
Christian Endeavor union met in the  
Presbyterian church last Sunday after-  
noon. They decided to observe the 18th  
anniversary of the Christian Endeavor,  
Tuesday evening, Feb. 2, in the First M.  
E. church. Milton Johnson, Jr., of the  
First M. E., J. L. Deck of the Baptist and  
Carrie E. Knapp of the Presbyterian soci-  
eties were named as a committee to ar-  
range a suitable program for the occa-  
sion. This will be a county union meet-  
ing and it is earnestly hoped that every  
Endeavorer who can, will be present. It  
is the plan of the executive committee to  
have a good union social after the pro-  
gram. Everybody is welcome; plan to  
come.

The executive committee also appoint-  
ed a committee to arrange for our next  
county convention. This committee is  
composed of A. M. Taylor, chairman, with Samuel  
Schmink, Misses Edna Lindsey and Edith  
Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kreidler.

The Macon society has interested some  
of the older members of their church in  
their meetings and they attend regularly  
and say they enjoy the meetings so much  
that they cannot afford to miss them.  
They expect to observe C. E. Day, Jan.  
31.

The Presbyterian society expect to cele-  
brate C. E. day, Feb. 3, at their regular  
Wednesday night prayer hour.

The First M. E. society and Grace so-  
ciety will celebrate C. E. day, Feb. 1, at  
their regular C. E. hour.

In Macon the chairman of the press  
committee in the Presbyterian society,  
presented to each member a tiny souvenir  
pannel, with the request that they be used  
in supplying him with items, a capital  
idea.

The First M. E. society expect to have  
Miss Susie Mendenhall, state superintendent  
of missionary work, here to address  
them on the subject of "Missions in the  
Near Future."

The Edward street Christian C. E. soci-  
ety held a very delightful social at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Patterson on  
Tuesday evening.

The DeWitt county Endeavorers are  
planning for a missionary campaign to be-  
gin very soon with W. R. Newell of Chi-  
cago, as their first speaker.

At the last executive meeting of the  
state board in Chicago, a letter was read,  
asking that Shelby county may unite with  
the Decatur district. The board decided  
in favor of this union and President Sta-  
art was authorized to apprise the pres-  
ident of Decatur district of the fact.

The Chamberland Presbyterian society  
gave a social last night in the W. C. T. U.  
rooms which was well attended. The  
committee of arrangements were Luther  
Huey, Misses Carrie Rickard, Carrie  
Henry, Ethel Ashmore, Alice Purdue  
and Will Hawkins.

Topic for Jan 24: Our failures and  
successes. Luke 5, 1-11. Mr. Zinner  
will lead the meeting at the Presbyterian  
society tomorrow evening at 6:30. Ev-  
eryone is invited to attend.

The Baptist society will hold their C. E.  
meetings on Tuesday evening for a few  
weeks as the pastor will conduct an en-  
quirer's meeting on Monday evening.

The Church street Christian society pro-  
posed eight new members to be received  
at their next business meeting.

The Baptist society tucked two comfort-  
ers at the church last Thursday and dis-  
posed of them for \$3, which was given to  
their mission fund.

The Congregational society will have a  
question box meeting tomorrow evening,  
presided over by Howard C. Schaaf.

Our state vice president, Rev. M. F.  
Troxell of Springfield, visited Panna last  
Thursday night and delivered an address  
in their missionary extension course.

The Police Couldn't Stop This MILL.  
Byron once said, "Thrice armed is he  
who hath his quarrel just," but Josh Bil-  
lings adds, "And so 'times he who gets in  
his big foot." That's us, we always get  
in the first blow and this time our great  
cut price sale is the hardest blow of all.  
It has knocked 'em off their feet, \$6 shoes  
at \$3.45 does it; \$4 and \$3.50 shoes at  
\$2.45 does it; \$2.50 shoes at \$1.95 does it;  
\$3 at \$1.45, and \$1.75 at \$1.25, all these is  
why we are selling the goods and knock-  
ing out our \$30,000 stock; just what we  
intended it should do.

Walter Hutchins,  
—21-dtf 355 North Water street.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

## Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

### Gossip for Cyclists.

The New York Consulate of the L. A.  
W. is doing excellent work. The Consu-  
late has arranged to have maps printed  
containing all the streets and good roads  
in Greater New York. This will be ar-  
ranged in neat compact form, so that it  
can be carried in the coat pocket. One  
of the books will be presented to every  
member of the division in that district.

Everything is ready for the cycle show  
which will begin in New York City, Feb.  
8 at the Grand Central Palace. Every  
manufacturer of any pretension, in this  
country will make exhibits and the  
show will eclipse anything of the sort  
ever held in this country.

Ignorance of the cycle racing rules has  
caused a great deal of unnecessary trouble  
this year. Every rider, race meet pro-  
moter and club official should get a copy  
of the racing rules and make a thorough  
study of the condition. Even the casual  
visitor to the base ball games understands  
every rule of the game. There is no same  
reason for so much ignorance about the  
rules, governing cycle racing.

### Squatters Ordered to Leave.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Secretary Fran-  
cis yesterday issued a mandate ordering all  
intruders on the lands of the five civilized  
tribes in the Indian Territory to take  
their leave before February 6 next. The  
action affects a large number of people  
throughout the territory. It is most ap-  
parently directed against the Cherokee in-  
truders. The action of the secretary is  
taken in compliance with the laws passed  
at the last session of congress, by which  
the so-called intruders were given ninety  
days in which to file with the Dawes com-  
mission their applications for citizenship.  
In the event that the commission decided  
against them, they were allowed sixty  
days more in which to file an appeal with  
the United States courts. A great num-  
ber whose appeals for citizenship were  
denied, both by the commission and the  
courts, have continued their occupancy of  
the lands unlawfully held by them, and  
have been preparing to put in crops. The  
secretary determined to take action early,  
so that the squatters would have no  
ground for complaints of unusual hard-  
ship.

### Voters in Wyoming Must Walk.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 23.—Wyoming  
women are today holding public meetings  
in all parts of the state to secure women  
signers to petitions to the state legislature  
asking that it shall be declared unlawful  
to hire carriages to haul voters to the  
polls. The women assert that many good  
men are unable to run for office in Wy-  
oming on account of the great expense,  
that such expense is principally for the  
hire of carriages for the purpose of taking  
electors to register and vote; that it is  
barged this was not the custom before  
women voted, and that women are held  
responsible for this condition of affairs;  
that they believe the practice is the source  
of corruption and fraud, and, as a major-  
ity of women in Wyoming prefer to walk  
to the polls, they should not be held ac-  
countable. They ask the legislature, now  
in session, to make it unlawful for any  
person or political party to hire any car-  
riage or other vehicle to take voters of  
either sex to the polls, or to register.

### Vanity Fair To-Night.

Vanity Fair" which is the attraction  
at the Grand tonight, the name given to a  
new and interesting melange is undoubt-  
edly the best play of the kind before the  
public today. It is seldom that a travel-  
ing theatrical organization carries such  
superb and original scenery or even at-  
tempts to produce such wonderful and  
startling mechanical effects. The man-  
agement of "Vanity Fair" has left nothing  
undone and the result is unequalled  
success. No finer scene has ever been in-  
roduced than that of the magnificent  
production of a well New York yacht club and  
no better excuse for the introduction of  
vaudeville talent has ever been offered.  
It is promptly taken advantage of, and  
we are given all the novelties of America  
and Europe.

### Second Class Mail Bill.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The senate com-  
mittee on postoffices and post roads re-  
sumed the hearing on the Loud second  
class mail bill today. Orville J. Victor,  
chairman of the New York committee of  
publishers, John Eldredge of the New  
York Ledger, S. S. McClure, proprietor of  
McClure's Magazine, argued against the  
bill.

### The Lecture.

The illustrated lecture by Prof. French  
at the Grand last night under the au-  
sices of the Y. M. C. A. was a fine treat.  
There was a big audience present. Mr.  
French made pictures with great rapidity  
and talked as fast as he sketched.

### Gen. Stevenson Dead.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23.—General John  
D. Stevenson, aged 76, a distinguished  
veteran of the Mexico and civil wars, died  
today, after a protracted illness.

### Quinine.

Special Prices on Quinine at West's  
Drug Store.  
2-grain Pills, per 100. 25c  
One Ounce, Powers & Weightman's, 50c

Call and select a suit at Ehrman's sale  
before the sale closes.—22-2d

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### WEATHER

Chicago, Ill., January 23.—Gen-  
erally cold north Tuesday morning  
with fresh northwest winds.

### FRIGID WEATHER

Temperature Very Low Throu-  
out the West and Northwest  
Yesterday and To-Day.

### CH SUFFERING AMONG THE P

Chicago Police Force Lo-  
Up the Suffering—1500 Cared for

Last Night—Conditions  
in Other Parts.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—From the  
mountain to the Atlantic sea board  
temperatures to Galveston tempera-  
ture at unprecedented in extent and  
prevails. Advises to the Assoc-  
less show much suffering in large  
and in some agricultural sections  
Chicago this morning the tempera-  
ture is lower than other yesterday  
before. Sunday the mercury  
reached the lowest mark in the his-  
tory of weather bureau here. This morn-  
ing government thermometer man-  
ages below at 8 o'clock and w  
many with no relief in sight  
from the lake by the atmosphere  
ing in temperature faster than the  
tended to the disagreeableness and  
the low temperature. Many  
suffering along the streets suffer-  
ing noses, ears and fingers  
were aware of it. Poor peo-  
ple suffered intensely. There is  
amount of destitution in the city  
Mayor Swift has ordered the po-  
lice to systematically assist  
porting all cases so they might be  
with the least possible delay  
hundred people were sheltered in  
stations last night.

The Associated Press has the fol-  
lowing on the weather. Dubuque  
reports the weather in that sec-  
tion in many years; 21 be-  
lowing this temperature was  
a heavy snow storm. The po-  
ple in desperate straits. The po-  
lice are besieged with applications  
for shelter. At Burlington, Iowa, 20 be-  
low. At Des Moines, Iowa, reports that  
last Saturday afternoon  
temperature has been falling a  
last night it touched 20 below, a  
some locations and this morn-  
ing low and clear. At Denver  
low. At some points in the  
temperature dropped 17 degre-  
es below. St. Louis reports  
night of the season with much  
among the poor. Over two  
were sheltered at the police sta-  
tions. Some were badly in-  
fected and stretched into Texa-  
so with the worst blizzard for  
Kansas City it was the coldest  
with a terrific north wind. At 10 o-  
clock it was reported. At 10 o-  
clock it was 4 below with  
average throughout Kansas  
temperature was reached last  
Minneapolis being 30 below  
and this has now subsided.  
Situation is reported. At Pe-  
rion of 22 below. Oakbrook, Ill.,  
a drop of 22 degrees in five de-  
grees. Sunday morning at 20 below  
LaCrosse reports 20 below  
morning and 28 th a morning  
on or extreme suffering is re-  
ported. The government  
reporting 22 below, private  
much lower. On the range  
it is 21 below; at Tower, 42;  
at Winona, Minn., 25 below;  
reports that all alarm for  
the ice crop has vanished  
night the temperature fell to  
This morning it is 20 and m  
of the poor and homeless.  
In some are overwhelmed with  
for help. Cleveland reports  
morning, within 24 degrees  
in over twenty years. Th  
suffering among the poor.  
service is badly crippled by  
winds. The thermometers r  
10 to 16 below with heavy  
out northern Ohio, at Cin-  
thermometers registered 1  
This morning at Evans  
mercury dropped 40 degre-  
hours. Toledo, 15 below;  
the signal service was estab-  
bury reports cold weath-  
western Pennsylvania and